

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Restriction Requirement

The Office has required restriction between the following three groups of claims:

Group I (claims 1-31), drawn to receiving a request to place an insurance policy from a licensed insurance producer and transmitting an authorization to the producer, classified in class 705, subclass 4.

Group II (claims 32-59), drawn to receiving a request to place an insurance policy from an unlicensed insurance producer and forwarding the request to a licensed broker, classified in class 705, subclass 4.

Group III (claims 60 and 61), drawn to identifying specific brokers and insurance, companies to provide surplus lines insurance policies, classified in class 705, subclass 4.

Group IV (claims 62-69), drawn to collaborative interface in a client server, classified in class 715, subclass 733.

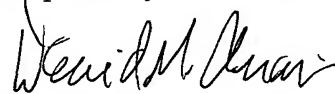
Applicants' Election

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-31) for further prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining unelected claims in this or another application.

Conclusion

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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